

Presidents Who Served in the Armed Forces

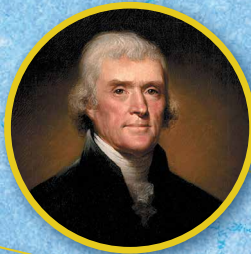
In 1879, Congress declared George Washington's birthday a federal holiday. It has since become commonly known as Presidents Day and is celebrated annually on the third Monday in February to honor all U.S. presidents. This year we commemorate those presidents who served in our military.



James A. Garfield
Major General, U.S. Army (Volunteers)
1861–1863



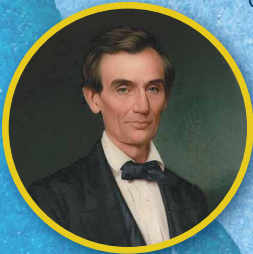
Harry S. Truman
Colonel, Army Officer Reserve Corps
1919–1945



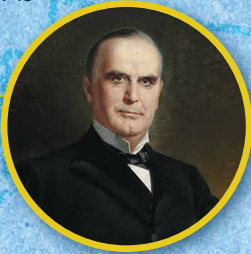
Thomas Jefferson
Colonel, Virginia Militia
1770–1779



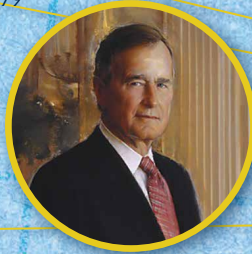
Jimmy Carter
Lieutenant, U.S. Navy
1946–1953



Abraham Lincoln
Captain, Illinois Militia
1832



William McKinley
Brevet Major, U.S. Army (Volunteers)
1861–1865



George Bush
Lieutenant (junior grade), U.S. Navy
1942–1945



Ulysses S. Grant
General, U.S. Army
1866–1869



Ronald Reagan
Captain, U.S. Army
1942–1945



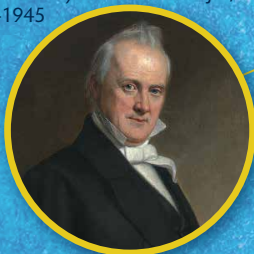
Millard Fillmore
Major, Union Continentals (home guard)
1861



James Monroe
Major, Continental Army
1775–1778



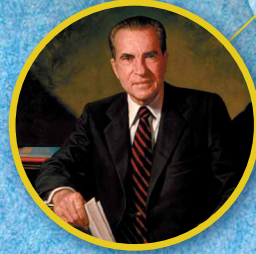
Dwight D. Eisenhower
General of the Army, U.S. Army
1915–1948, 1951–1952



James Buchanan
Private, Pennsylvania Militia
1814



John Tyler
Captain, Virginia Militia
1812



Richard M. Nixon
Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve
1942–1966



Chester A. Arthur
Brigadier General, New York Militia
1858–1863



George Washington
General and Commander in Chief
Continental Army
1775–1783



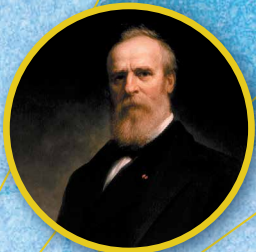
Theodore Roosevelt
Colonel, U.S. Army (Volunteers)
1898



Benjamin Harrison
Brevet Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Volunteers)
1862–1865



John F. Kennedy
Lieutenant, U.S. Naval Reserve
1941–1945



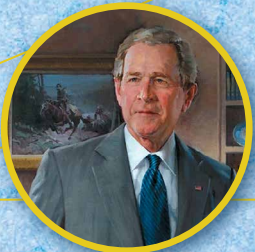
Rutherford B. Hayes
Major General, U.S. Army (Volunteers)
1861–1865



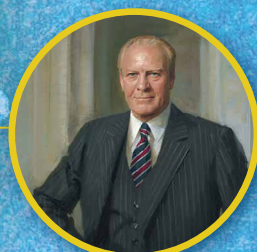
William Henry Harrison
Major General, Kentucky Militia
1812–1814



Andrew Jackson
Major General, U.S. Army
1814–1821



George W. Bush
First Lieutenant, Texas Air National Guard
1968–1973



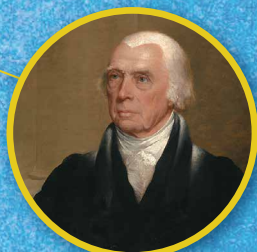
Gerald R. Ford, Jr
Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve
1942–1946



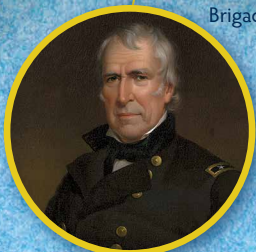
Franklin Pierce
Brigadier General, New Hampshire Militia
1846–1848



Andrew Johnson
Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Volunteers)
1862–1865



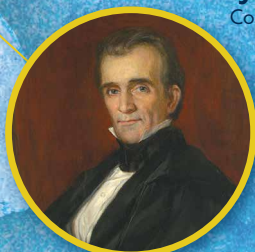
James Madison
Colonel, Virginia Militia
1775–1781



Zachary Taylor
Major General, U.S. Army
1805–1815, 1816–1849



Lyndon B. Johnson
Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve
1940–1964



James K. Polk
Colonel, Tennessee Militia
1821